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Identical letters dated 10 June 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit the following information.

Since the adoption of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), the Lebanese Government has repeatedly expressed its commitment to all of its provisions. The Lebanese Government again calls on the international community to press Israel to comply fully with the resolution.

Since the resolution was first adopted, the Permanent Mission of Lebanon has diligently provided the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council with complaints detailing Israel's standing contravention of its obligations under the resolution. In 2014, for example, Israel violated Lebanese sovereignty 698 times by air, 333 times by land and 38 times by sea. We documented all of those violations in 22 letters of complaint. Since the start of 2015, Israel has also repeatedly violated Lebanese sovereignty; it has done so 217 times by air, 87 times by land and 44 times by sea. We have documented those violations in eight letters addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council. In accordance with our request, all of the letters have been issued as documents of the United Nations.

Israel's ongoing violations are a flagrant infringement of Lebanese sovereignty, international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions of the Organization, including those of the Security Council, particularly resolution 1701 (2006). We have repeatedly requested that they be condemned and brought to an immediate end. We have warned that Israel's continuous contempt of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) undermines efforts to achieve security and stability in the region.

While the Israeli Army has violated Lebanese sovereignty, Israeli officials have piled serious threats on the Lebanese Government and have brazenly sought to intimidate its people. The threats made by the Israeli Minister of Defence Moshe Ya'alon at a Shurat HaDin conference on the laws of war, which was held in

Jerusalem on 4 and 5 May 2015, are but one example among many. Israeli officials have also sought to spread allegations in certain media outlets and diplomatic forums in order to justify what they call "the inevitable future war". Such conduct blatantly contravenes Article 2, paragraph 4 of the Charter, which provides that all Members shall refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations. It is also glaringly inconsistent with the principles and provisions of international law and international humanitarian law.

I should be grateful if you would urge the Security Council to take the necessary measures to prevent Israel from persisting in its serious violations of my country's sovereignty and from threatening the peace and security of its people, and prevail on Israel to comply with Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) in its entirety.

I should also be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
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